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Steven E. Nissen, MD, MACC  
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Dear Dr. Nissen:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform hereby requests your testimony at a hearing on **Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2154, Rayburn House Office Building.**

The topic of the hearing will be the Food and Drug Administration's assessment of the safety of Avandia. We request that you come prepared to discuss your article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* entitled "Effect of rosiglitazone on the risk of myocardial infarction and death from cardiovascular causes."

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X. Information for witnesses appearing before the Committee is contained in the enclosed Witness Information Sheet.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Cha of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5056. We look forward to your testimony.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman  
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Tom Davis  
Ranking Minority Member

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The following is a summary of some of the pertinent rules and procedures applicable to witnesses testifying before the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:

- Witnesses should provide 100 copies of their written testimony to Earley Green, Chief Clerk, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, no later than 10:00 a.m. two business days prior to the hearing. Witnesses should also provide their statement by this date in electronic format, either as a CD or via email to [earley.green@mail.house.gov](mailto:earley.green@mail.house.gov).
- At the hearing, each witness will be asked to summarize his or her written testimony in five minutes or less in order to maximize the time available for discussion and questions.
- House Rule XI clause 2(g)(4) requires that witnesses appearing in a nongovernmental capacity submit to the Committee in advance of the hearing "a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) received during the current fiscal year or either of the two previous fiscal years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness."
- The Committee does not provide financial reimbursement for witness travel or accommodations. Witnesses with extenuating circumstances, however, may submit a written request for such reimbursements to Robin Butler, Financial Administrator, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, at least one week prior to the hearing. Reimbursements will not be made without prior approval.
- Witnesses with disabilities should contact Committee staff to arrange any necessary accommodations.
- The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, the Committee has legislative jurisdiction over a number of subjects affecting the management of government operations and activities. The specific jurisdiction of the Committee is set forth in House Rule X clauses 1(m), 2, 3(i), and 4(c).
- The Committee rules governing this hearing are online at [www.oversight.house.gov/rules/](http://www.oversight.house.gov/rules/).

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